DO NOT FAVOR RATE INCREASE

Commisioners Discuss the Proposed Raise in Gas and Light Charges.

HOOVER AND DEFRESE TALK

"They Will Have to Show Me," Says Commissioner Huffaker. Mayor Noncommittal.

"There is no sort of a reason for an increase in rates being allowed the Chattanooga Gas company. This company is purchasing gas, I understand, at 18 cents per 1,000 cuderstand, at 18 cents per 1,000 cubic feet and the consumer is paying \$1.10 per 1,000. There has been considerable question also as to the treatment of customers and the correctness of meters, and my position as to the gas company and the methods employed by its manager is well known. So far as an increase in light rates and street car fares is concerned, I am of the opinion that this corporation has had sufficient increase by reason had sufficient increase by reason of the recent readjustment of rates. The street railway company also increased revenues from its system by discontinuing the sale of tickets, though this increase is not very heavy. Electric current rates are higher in Chattanooga than in Memphis, New York and a num-ber of other cities which I could mention. There is no excuse for an increase in gas or light rates."
—Commissioner T. C. Betterton.

"I do not believe that I should prejudge the case of any one hav-ing a cause to present to the com-mission before hearing their side of the question. However, my po-sition at present, after having heard some of the argument for an heard some of the argument for an increase in gas rates, is that gas purchased at 18 cents per 1,000 cubic feet and sold at \$1.10 ought to yield a fair profit to the gascompany. I do not know what argument the Chattanooga Railway and Light company will present. They have already increased light rates and carfare. Seems to me they should be satisfied."—Commissioner E. D. Bass.

"Have to Show Me."

"They will have to show me why they should have an increase in rates. The gas company, as I un-derstand the matter, is reaping a very handsome margin of profit on its products. If the figures in my possession are correct, this company gets its supply from the Chattanooga By-Products company at 18 cents per 1,000 cubic feet and furnishes the same to its consumers at \$1.10. Their contract with the by-products company extends over a period of years. Of course, labor and material have increased, but the gas company's principal item of expense has decreased. They cannot use all the gas furnished under their contract and the question of coal does not and the question of coal does not enter into the matter. As to the rise in light rates and street car fare I am not in a position to express myself at present, not knowing the financial condition of the Chattaneoga Railway and Light company. I am open to conviction his subject. No loyal Chattaneogan wants a public service cor poration to operate at a loss. How ever, there have been many co-plaints since the readjustment light rates, patrons stating that their bills for electric current have increased very materially during the past few months."—Commis-sioner H. D. Huffaker.

Favors Reduction

"I am in favor of reducing rates of the gas company rather than increasing them, and am today writing to Gov. Rye, putting all facts as to this company before him. If we had the power, I would him. If we had the power, I would favor reducing their rates from \$1.10 to 75 cents per 1,000 cubic feet. They could make a handsome profit at the latter figure. Regarding the Chattanooga Railway and Light company, they recently increased rates because the commission had no power to pre-vent it. I am absolutely opposed to any further increases."—Commissioner E. D. Herron.

Mayor Littleton, asked for a nothing of the matter and wished read the story of the Nashville meeting before committing himself

Averse to Talking. While commissioners were averse to

discussing the question whether an increase in rates would be allowed the Chattanooga Gas company and the Chattanoga Gailway and Light com-pany until a formal request has been filed, those interviewed Thursday morning seem to be unanimous in the opinion that the rates of both cor-porations are siready sufficient to allow a fair profit. In the case of the gas company, as will be noted from the above statements, the city officials are even inclined to think that the margin of profit is a handsome one Manager S. E. DeFrese, following his Tom C. Ryc, held in Nashville Wednes

return from a conference of public tilities officials of the state with Gov. day, said that there was a misunder-standing on the part of the press in regard to the meeting. Mr. DeFrese said that the Nashville meeting had no particular reference to Chattanooga tilities, but that representatives of gas, light and street car companies from all over the state had met the governor to discuss the financial condition of these corporations, many of which, according to Mr. DeFrese, face bankruptcy unless rates are increased.

It will be recalled that the president recently appointed a public util-DeFrese is vecretary of this commis-sion and it was in this capacity that he went to the Nashville conference. T. H. Tutweiler, of the Memphis Railway and Light company, is chairman of this commission and F. W. Hoover, vice-president of the Chattanooga Railway and Light company, is the

third member. "We are simply trying to carry out the wishes of the president, who has said that during the nation's crisis public utilities must be maintained at the highest point of efficiency. With and material many public service cor porations will be forced to go out sinces unless rates are increased. gas company does not contem plate opening the question of rates immediately, but it is highly probable that such a step will become neces

May Go to Courts. Mr. DeFrese intimated that in the event officials in various localities refused to allow increase in rates some course would be outlined which would force the issue. It is probable that the matter would be taken into the courts. though Mr. DeFrese would not say

that this would be done.

Eighty electric light companies, nine street railway companies and eight gas companies were represented at the Nashville conference, and it is under-stood the representatives of these corporations presentatives of these corporations presented figures to show
that they are in an alarming condition financially. According to reports,
Gov. Rye listened attentively to the
claims set forth and pledged his cooperation and support. The state commission on public utilities will meet
within the part thirty days to continue

mission on public utilities will meet within the next thirty days to continue the probram begun Wednesday.

Supt. E. D. Reed, of the Chattanooga Railway and Light company, was among those attending the meeting. He left Thursday for Louisville, Ky., and could not be seen for an inter-

Reasons for Increase.

Vice-President F. W. Hoover, of the Chattanooga Railway and Light com-pany, asked for a statement as to the proposed increase in rates, went at some length into an explanation of the financial condition of his com-pany. He said they were not asking an increase just now, but wanted the people to know their condition in or-der that the matter might be considered in a fair and dispassionate man-ner when the increase becomes absolutely necessary. Mr. Hoover said the position of his company had been thoroughly explained in advertise-ments setting forth the reasons why an increase in rates should be grant-ed. He called attention to recent leted. He called attention to recent letters of the president, the secretary of
the treasury and the comptroller of the
currency in which it is strongly
urged that public utilities be maintained at their maximum efficiency.
Quoting from the president, Mr.
Hoover said the nation's chief executive had emphasized the necessity for fair and liberal dealing with public utilities. "The nation's welfare is dependent upon these corporations and they cannot render the service required of them if they are not al-lowed to charge a reasonable rate. It should be remembered that material. to the operation of our business, has advanced all the way from 75 to 250 per cent. Only recentand other increases must follow.

Business Affected.

"The daylight saving bill has materially affected our business also," continued Mr. Hoover. "For the continued Mr. Hoover. "For the month of April our revenues from current were 10 per cent, less than for the same month of last year. During May, June and July the decrease will be even greater. We are not yet in position to say whether the readjustment in rates made last fall will produce an increase in revenue. It is more than likely the slight increase from this source will be more than offset by the loss incurred through the daylight saving bill."

Statistics presented by Mr. Hoover show that in more than forty cities of the United States increase in rates have been allowed variou: public service companies because of war conditions prevailing.

Just when application for increases will be made by the Chattanooga Gas company and the Chattanooga Railway and Light company is uncertain, but it seems sure that hard sledding is ahead for the corporations when the matter comes before the commission.

HUN SECRETARY HOPES PEACE WILL HEAL RUMANIA

Elaborator of Treaty Feigns Sympa-thy for Partitioned Nation.

Amsterdam, May 8.-The German foreign secretary, Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, according to a Bucharest dispatch on the signing of the Ruman-"We hope that this peace not only

corresponds with the political and economic interests of the allied powere, but will also enable Rumania to

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MAMMOTH GERMAN DRIVE AT POINT OF BREAKING

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(International News Service.) Lendon, May 5.-A resumption of the mammoth German offensive on the western front is imminent, said an Exchange Telegraph dispatch today. The German troops and arthe allied command. vesterday against the Franco-Reitish junction south of Tpres was merely local.

Kaiser and Crown Prince Take Opposite Sides

In Sharp Dispute Over Delay and Ill-Success of Western Front Offensive.

London, May 9 .- Former influen tial officers in the German army. supporters of Von Moltke, the former chief of staff, are agitating against Field Marshal Von Hindenburg on the ground that the German aucesses on the western front have not reached expectations, according to reports in The Hague, transmitted under reserve by the consespondent of the Daily Mail.

Another report, which, according to the correspondent, appears to have some foundation, is that a sharp conflict of opinion has arisen between Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, Gen. Ludendorff and the

between Field Marshal Von Hinden-burg, Gen. Ludendorff and the crown prince on one side and Chan-cellor Von Hertling and Foreign Secretary Von Kuehlmann on the other. The emperor, after consid-erable wavering, is said to have in-clined to Von Hertling's side, al-

though hesitatingly.

The kaiser and the German crown prince are said to have taken respective sides in the quartet.

The well known war correspondent, Hamilton Fyfe, sends a story from the front confirming reports that Von Mackensen will go to the western front.

BRITISH RESOLUTE TO STRUGGLE TWENTY YEARS

That Democracy Might Win Americans Honored.

(Associated Press.) London, May 9 .- A dinner to 1,000 American naval and mili-tary officers and Y. M. C. A. reptary officers and Y. M. C. A. representatives was given at the National Sporting club last night. Vice-Admiral Sims, in reply to a toast, declared that it was hoped that within the next fortnight the construction of new shipping would exceed the rate of distruction.

tion by German submarines.

After the dinner the guests witnessed a hoxing exhibition between Jimmy Wilde, the featherweight champion, and the veteran "Pedlar" Jimmy Palmer.

Sir Frederick E. Smith, the attor ney-general, in proposing a toast to President Wilson and the fighting forces of the United States at the din-

Even for Twenty Years. "We, in this country, realize the mmense contribution America making to the fighting forces of the allies, and we are glad that Americans are here now to see the spirit of the British and sacrifices they are prepared to make. Ne er has that spirit stood higher and never have the British been more resolute to maintain the struggle, even f twenty years, in order that democracy might win and Germany be shattered. Undue and excessive expectations were entertained regarding the speed with which the American contribution could be got ready. I never had any illusions on this point. America we called upon to do in one moment task a hundred times greater than any nation in the world's history has been called upon to accomplish. Never has a nation undertaken such commitments or flung itself more thoroughly into its task

"The very fact that we have with us in this war the sons and grand-sons of men who fought in the great struggle between the north and the south is a source of encouragement, and a precious consolation. It is well that Englishmen and Americans should be brought together. They should create a warm friendship as their differences are only superficial. is worth at least something that the Anglo-Saxon races, the legatees of a precious civilization, should make an imperishable friendship. If that is the result then even the shipwreck of this terrible war will not have been entirely for nought."

TWENTY-SIX KILLED WHEN MINE IS STRUCK

(International News Service. London, May 9 .- Twenty-three men and three officers were killed when a British mine sweeper struck a mine and was sunk on May 1, the admiralty announced

EXHAUSTED AIRMEN RESCUED BY STEAMER

Two Naval Aviators Picked Up by Coastwise Craft Off Miami, Fla.

(Associated Press.)

An Atlantic Port. May 9 .- Two naval aviators, in a state of ex-haustion, after remaining affoat with their damaged hydro-airplane five miles off Miami, Fla., were rescued by a coast steamship, which brought them here today.

The aviators had fallen into the sea with their plane when mechanism went wrong and told the captain of the steamship when picked up that they could not have held to the craft much longer.

WILSON SHAKES HANDS OF BOYS BACK FROM FRANCE

Washington, May 9 .- Twenty-five of soldiers sent back from France by Gen. Pershing to aid in the liberty loan campaign shook hands with President Wilson last night between the acts a theater. The youngsters, headed by Sergt. Hefferman, appeared at the theater to have a look at the president. They were escorted to the stage and introduced to the audience, and when the curtain had been lowered Mr. Wilson went behind the scenes to greet them.

SEA TRAFFIC TO BE RESUMED END OF MAY

Sweden and Petrograd Again to be Put in Communication by Steam ship Service.

(Associated Press.) Stockholm, May 9 .- Sea traffic between Sweden and Petrograd will, be in which a guard and several prison-resumed at the end of May, A steamer era were alightly injured followed, which is now loading Swedish export Loyal prisoners, who were in the oops and arresumed at the end of
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WILL ATTEND DINNER .TO SUPREME COURT

Jackson Bar Will Honor Retiring Members of State's Highest Court.

Judge Nathan L. Bachman will leave Friday morning for Jackson, where he goes to be present at a dinner given by the bar of West Tennessee to the retiring members of the supreme court. Those in whose honor the affair will be given are Judges M. M. Neil. Sam C. Williams and Francis Fancher, Aside from the dinner distinguished guests throughout the state will de-liver speeches. The program is an elaborate one and the entertainment promises to be one of the best of its character and kind ever held in the state. The retiring members of the court have justly done themselves proud and have passed on some mo-mentous and vitally important litiga-

mentous and vitally important intigation. Judge Williams is from Johnson
City, Judge Neil from Trenton, and
Judge Fancher from Memphis.

From Jackson Judge Bachman will
go to Memphis, where he will deliver
an address on Sunday afternoon before the State Federation of Charities.
The president of the Red Cross society
will be a guest on this occasion. Judge will be a guest on this occasion. Judge Bachman is the East Tennessee mem-ber of the state board of charities and has done much good work in that capacity. Judge Bachman will return

ASSURANCES OF SUPPORT SENT BY BARON GATO

and Germany Be Shattered. | Expresses Implicit Faith in the Final Victory of Allied Countries.

> (International News Service.) Tokio, May 9.—Baron Gato, the new Japanese foreign minister, has sent a message to the British ambassador, giving assurances of the unswerving determination of Japan to stand by the Anglo-Japanese alliance and announcing his implicit faith in final victory.

ANGERED AT BEING **ASKED TO CHANGE MINDS**

Majority of House Will Resist Pressure to Cancel Draft Bill Amendment.

(International News Service.) Washington, May 9.—Angered by being asked to change their minds without "good and sufficient reason," a maernoon that they would resist the pres-sure of the administration for can-celling the house amendment to the draft quots bill, which would give credit for volunteers in the second

ARGENTINA DECIDES TO BUY RAILWAY MATERIAL

(Associated Press Buenos Aires, May 9.—The Argentine government has decided to buy \$5,000,000 worth of railway material in the United States and England.

Khaki-Clad Man Dies. Jesse Harson, of the Fifty-first infantry, died Wednesday sight at Fort Ogiethorpe. The body was brought to Wann's, prepared for burial and is being held pending instructions.

J. D. Thompson

J. D. Thompson, aged 27, died Thurs-day morning at 12:30 o'clock in a local hospital, after an illness of a week with pneumonia. The body was removed to Chapman's and prepared for burial. It was sent Thursday after-noon at 1:50 o'clock to the deceased's home at Shelbyville, where funeral services will likely be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Willow Mount cemetery as the place of interment Mr. Thompson was an inspector in local knitting mill. His brother, J. M. Thompson, has been connected with the Chattanooga Coffin and Casket company for about fifteen years. Surviving the deceased are his wife, his mother, three brothers and two sisters.

CALL REGISTRANTS WITH SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

May 20 Last Day for Acceptance o Volunteers: Men to Camp June 1. Washington, May 9. - A call for 5.813 draft registrants with special qualifi cations was made yesterday o states except Nevada and Utah. on all

The men are ordered to go to camp on June 1, and are distributed through the following branches of the army— 3,180 to the corps of engineers; 560 ordnance department, 363 (negroes) signal corps; 1,600 veterinary corps. medical department, and 110 quartermaster corps. Local boards were instructed to ac-

cept men presenting themselves for voluntary induction until May 20, 11 voluntary induction until May 20, 1, byt that time enough men to fill the army's requirements are not obtained boards will proceed to draft the men

HERTLING THREATENS TO DISSOLVE PRUSSIAN DIET Imperial Chancellor Insists on Third Reading of Franchise Reform Bill.

(Associated Press.) Amsterdam, May 9.—Count Von Hertling, the German imperial Hertling, the German imperial chancellor and Prussian premier. has decided to dissolve the Prusing of the franchise reform bill is rejected, the Cologne Gazette as-

BAKER AT BADIN, N. C., CONTRIBUTES SUM OF \$250

(Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., May 9.—As a self-imposed penalty, agreed to by Food Administrator Page, Piter Andres a baker at Badin, has jus contributed the sum of \$250 to the Albemarie chapter of the Red Cross society and closed his bakery for one day. Andres' offense consisted of using less than the required proportion of cereal substitutes in bread.

PRISONERS MUTINY AT MUSKOGEE, OKLA. PRISON

Mushogee, Okla. May 9. Twenty six prisoners held in the federal Jail on charges of disloyalty and pro-Germanism mutined last night and a riot end to the trouble.

U. S. WARSHIP SINKS GERMAN SUBMARINE

Shot Lifted U-Boat Out of the Water, Breaking Her in Two. Crew Gets Extra Furlough.

(Associated Press.) London (Via Ottawa), May 9,-In April, merchant shius with an aggregate gross tonnage of 111,533 were completed in yards of the United Kingdom and entered for service, compared with 161,674 in March, according to an admiralty statement. The total for the year ended April 30. was 1,279,337 tons. Last month's outlarge increase in the repairing of merchantmen.

The amount of shipping completed in allied and neutral countries in the first quarter of 1918, was 544,372 tons, Yards of the United Kingdom turned out 320,280 tons in this period. The admiralty statement alos shows that the total construction in 1917 in the United Kingdom and allied and neutral countries was 2,907,786 tons, of which the United Kingdom produced 1,163,-474 tons.

Washington, May 9 .- Officials here were unable today to reconcile the British announcement of tonnage built in allied countries during the first quarter of 1918, if the United States was meant to be included, with the output of American yards, amounting to 366,941 tons in that period. Yards in the United Kingdom were said to have turned out 320,280 tons but inasmuch as the ttal of all allied countries was given as only \$44,327 tons, it was thought here that per-haps the British figures did not inlude the United States.

LESSONS TAUGHT BY NOTED PICTURE

Canvas Portrays World's Conqueror-Two Thoughts Suggest Themselves.

(By William T. Ellis.) Hundreds of thousands of persons have seen the large picture, "The Conwhich was exhibted at the Chicago fair, and has since been on exhibition in Philadelphia. No one exhibition in Philadelphia who has ever looked upon it can ever forget it. The canvas portrays the world's great conquerors marching, with banners and insignia, in a solid column that dwindles off into the in-distinguishable distance. There we see Napoleon and Caesar and Alexander and Charlemagne and Cyrus and Xerxes and Ptolemy and the other men who beheld the world at their

two long lines of stark, grim, gray corpses that flank the conquerors on either side. What a price humanity had to pay that these men might wear the laurel!

The other obvious remark is that the greatest of the world's conquerors is not represented. The victories of Alexander and Napoleon were inconse quent and ephemeral beside the con-quest of Jesus. The veriest tyro in historical study must perceive that the outstanding hero of the past nineteen enturies is the gentle Nazarene, it until today \$90,000,000 of people who, in turn rule the world bow the knee to Him. Truly, as cried Julian the apos-tate, "Thou hast conquered. O pale tate, "Thou hast conquered. O pale mediately after the triumphal entry Galilean!" And the conquests of Jesus He was to cleanse the temple. have not been along a gloomy course of sorrow, suffering and death. Life and light have walked in His footsteps. Civilization has been His handmaiden. Health, knowledge and happiness have followed in His train. His His love for a pure church is typified riumphal procession down the ages has been accompanied by the bosannas of the myriads who have felt His or witnessed His life-giving

Even the great war, when considered He has in every age called some men in its loftiest aspect, is but a phase to be reformers to call the church of a triumphal progress of history's back to her first estate. Only a pure Hero. Dues it not signify the ending church can serve a sinful world, of immemorial wrongs, the emancipa- Christ's conquest is incomplete so of immemorial wrongs, the emancipa-tion of whole peoples and the putting as His own friends are living contrary of life on a higher and more Christian to His plain teachings. plane? Our Sunday school lesson fits into the day's thinking most oppor

The Great Triumphal Entry.

This triumphal entry into Old Jeru selem on the first Palm Sunday sug gests stirring thoughts. For it prefigured t'hrist's triumphal entry inte uman hearts and into all the phases of life. Individual characters secribe all their goodness to the per fect One. Learning lays its laurels at the feet of the humble Teacher who kept school at Blue Galilee. Medicine esteems as its highest honor the facthat it walks in the footsteps of the great Physician. Art has reserved : ablest brushes for the delineation o the person of the Envior. The lawyer harps back to the dicta of the Messiah for the noblest code that can govern the conduct of men in their relations one with another. Philosophy confennes that the greatest of philosophers was He whose teachings were so new that they startled the philosophers wh first heard them, and whose gentle speech expressed the highest wisdom The religious impulses of mankind fine Him "the one altogether lovely continual coronation of Christ is "Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown His Lord of all."
Of all this, how little conception has he multitude which eagerly carpeter His path with their garments and with branches hastily stripped from the Pharisees understood that their dis-appointed comment. To, the world has gone after Him," was in truth a proph-ecy of that day, now arrived, when Jesus should hold the center of the stage of the universe

Mon do not understand themselves and their own actions, much less their neighbor and his deeds. Nobody, save rode at the center of this demonstra-tion, received its significance as a startling fulfillment of the inspired Scripture. Even His disciples needed the light that rame his the Spirit's de-scent after the ascension of Jesus to enable them to interpret it. Tomorros is always needed to illuminate today We walk all unsering through life: therefore, we should walk gently and

Hate for Here

Today it is the fashion to praise lesus. Even the men who honor least in their conduct, and deny Him the allegiance of their lives are quick to pay tribute to His character and to His teachings. In this atmosphere with which Jesus was viewed by the Tenn.

WAR WORK BREAKS **HEALTH OF POLK**



POLK TRANK

Councilor Polk, of the state depart nent, is in a critical condition at his nome in Washington as the result of breakdown from overwork

pharisees and priests. He was hatco for Himself, because He was a non-conformer, and a newcomer with unconventional teachings. The old is the enemy of the new; "things as they are" are the worst foe of things as they should be. The ossified religiosity of the ruling class among the Jew could not understand or tolerate for on instant His fresh, vital spirit from the hills. The crowning act that evoked pharisaical enmity was the raising of Lazarus from the dead. For this they hated both Lazarus and the Lord since it increased the latter's popularity. There is a direct connection between the triumphal entry and the fact that the Bethany home given of its hospitality and friend ship to Jesus.

So popular had the Master become for the moment, at least, that all the snarling dogs of envy and bigotry had to slink back, baffled into obscurity "Hehold, how ye prevail nothing; lo the world has gone after Him," they said among themselves. For in front of their eyes as they gathered in sul-For in front len groups was this tremendous eva-tion which meant that Jesus was the idel of the hour. He could even be crowned king should He so desire. The danger of popularity in which flood many a promising here has been engulfed beset Jesus in full tide.

But He was not disturbed. was not an extra beat to His pulse because of it, and not the slightest flush of exaltation upon His cheek "He knew what was in man," and He appraised the demonstration at its these conquerors come to glory by a part of the work which the Father had given Him to 60. To Him the triumphal entry must have been unspeakably sad, for He recognized that the fifth multitude—many of these very same persons who were all the very same persons wher He accepted humility, merely as a part of the work which the Father had Him! Crucify Him! palm branches were but preliminary the tree upon which He would shortly suffer. Ah, heavy was the cross that the gentle Jesus boret

A Conqueror's Scourge.

Conquerors get their name from strife. Jesus was a warrior. There is ever need to recall the danger of over-emphasizing His passive virtues. To stress His own lowliness and His lentity with the plain people, and Hisnonmilitary character humble donkey, charger. Yet He came from one series of conflicts and was facing others. Im-

The world has not many paintings or statues of Jesus with a whip in His hand. We do not like the attitude, yet it was, in a degree, characteristic He came to cleanse as well as to save by His driving out the truffickers from the temple. He cares for the purity of God's house and God's people almost as much as He cares for tion of a test world. Th That is why

SHIP TONNAGE FALLS IN UNITED KINGDOM

Total for Year Ending April 30, 1,279,337 Tons - Large Amount of Repairing.

(Associated Press.) An Atlantic Port, May 9.-The sinking of a German submarine by a United States warship with a shot which lifted the U-boat com-pletely out of the water and broke er in two was reported by officers of the ship on arrrival here today. Because of the fine work of the gunners, the crew was given an additional furlough of ten days.

GAS SHELLS HAMPER HOSTILE PREPAREDNESS

British Attack Concentrations and Support Trenches With Excellent Results.

(Associated Presz.) Washington, May 9.4The Brit ish are using gas shells on the western front with excellent results, the British war mission

announced today. "During the last few days," said the statement, "the British have consistently shelled the German support trenches and tram heads with gas shells with marked results. The German concentrations have been disturbed, and their preparations paralyzed by the effectiveness of these bombardments. Prisoners * * capbardments by the bad tured on May 4 said they had been unable to obtain rations since May 1, owing to the con-stant artillery fire."

TEN THOUSAND DRAFT MEN HERE

"Rookies" Expected at Chickamauga Within a Few Days. Many for Medical Corps.

Ten thousand drafted men will enter Fort Oglethorpe within the next few days.

A certain per cent of these will be assigned to the medical camp. but the greater number will go to help fill up the Eleventh brigads, composed of the Fifty-first and the

Fifty-second infantry.
These depleted regiments are being filled, and await the com-

ing of their commander, Brig-Gen. Dashiell, who will come to Oglethorpe from New Orleans within the fortnight.

Just at present the command of Camp Forrest is as fleeting a possession as the regnancy of the barrack emperors of ancient Rome. Since the departure of Gen. J. B. Erwin, Camp Forrest has been commanded by Col. James Lockett,

commanded by Col. James of the Eleventh cavalry.

With the advent of Gen. Dashiell, the command will automatically go to him. With the departicular of Gen. Dashiell's brigade, we of Gen. Dashiell's brigade, we con the which will perhaps be soon, the

BROOKLYN SUBWAY CAVES: MEN TRAPPED

Eight Laborers Caught One Hundred Feet Underground. No Hope for Four.

(Associated Press.) New York, May 9.—Eight laborers who were imprisoned for six hours in a tunnel 10th feet below the surface, following the care-in of a subway excavation in Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn. late last night, were resuced early tolow-workmen also trapped in an ad-

joining section of the subway.

The rescued workmen were kept alive by means of compressed air forced through pipes which had been sunk from the street to the tunnel.

HENRY CABOT LODGE SUED FOR ALLEGED ASSAULTS Senator Named in \$20,000 Libe Suit By Bostonian.

(International News Service.) Boston, Mass., May 9.—United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge was sued for \$20,000 today in a suit filed in the superior court by Alexander Bann-

The suit is based on alleged assaults by the senator on Bannwart at the national capital on April 2, 1917, when a party of Boston pacifists, of which Bannwart was a member, asked Lodge to vote against the United States en-

tering the war. A suit for \$20,000 damages for althe happening was entered at the same time against a Boston newspaper,

GRAND JURY MAKES FIRST REPORT OF TERM

The grand jury of the criminal court made its first report this afternoon returning indictments in fourteen va-grancy, twelve liquor and three larceny true bills.

METHODIST CLERGY VOTE EXTENSION OF PASTORATES Ministers Would Not Restrict Work to

(Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., May 9 .- With the prospect of a final vote on the proposed elimination of the time limit on pastorates before them, delegates to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, met today fo their seventh day's session, with Rishop John C. Kilgo, of North Caro-lina, presiding. Bishop W. P. Thra-kield, of New Orleans, of the Mothodist Episcopal church, occupied a seat n the platform with the college of

hishops. After much debate the committee on revisals agreed to recommend concurrence in those memorials petitioning to increase the number of lay delegates to an annual conference from four to ten. Strong efforts were made to have one delegate from every church elected to an annual conference, but the argument was advanced that the number would be too large for the comfort of the communities entertain-

ing the conference.

The action of the committee in voting for ten lay delegates was unant-

Another measure passed in the committee favored the election of stewards by the church conference instead of the quarterly conference. Members of the committee believed the recommen-dation would meet the approval of the general conference.

HITCHCOCK MADE CHAIRMAN FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Succeeds Stone - Smith, of Georgia; Knex, of Pennsylvania; Become Members of Steering Committee. (Associated Press.) Washington, May 9.—Senator Hitch-cock, of Nebraska, was made chairman

cock, of Nebraska, was made chairman today of the senate foreign relations committee. Mr. Hitchcock, who was senior demogratic member of the com-mittee, succeeds the late Senator Store, in a rearrangement of demo-cratic committee assignments caused by recent deaths of several members. The steering committee decided to The steering committee decided to increase the senate military committee

by two members because of its impor-tance during the war and named Sen-ator Soitth, of Georgia, as a member. Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, probably will become the new republican Sanator Hitchcock, upon election as head of the foreign relations commit-

Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, was named on the foreign relations com-mittee to fill the vacancy caused by Senator Stone's death,

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